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The Honorable George L. Russell, III  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
for the District of Maryland  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
**Via CM/ECF**

**Re:     *United States v. Melissa Heyer, GLR-19-0564***

Dear Judge Russell:

I write in response to the Court's order that the parties submit a status report in this case. The parties have reached a plea agreement in this case. Ms. Heyer is on pretrial release in Florida. She will be sending the signed plea to me. Once I have it, the parties will contact the Court to arrange a Rule 11 proceeding. Ms. Heyer has told me that she consents to a remote appearance for her guilty plea. The government likewise consents to a remote court appearance in this case. The parties both believe that having a virtual Rule 11 proceeding at the Court's convenience would be in the interests of justice and consistent with the Cares Act.

I thank the Court for its attention this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Andrew Szekely  
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cc:     Harry Gruber, Assistant United States Attorney